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SUBJ: ATLANTIC RELATIONS: POSSIBLE TRIP BY THE SECRETARY TO BRUSSELS

1. DURING THE DISCUSSION OF ATLANTIC RELATIONS AT PERMREPS LUNCH OCTOBER 2 (USNATO 4686), SYG LUNS ASKED ME WHETHER "SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD BE COMING TO BRUSSELS BEFORE OR AFTER HIS MID-OCTOBER VISIT TO LONDON." I ALLOWED AS HOW I HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SECRETARY'S INTENTIONS.

2. COMMENT: A VISIT TO THE NAC WOULD FURTHER CONSIDERABLY U.S. EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A SUITABLE ATLANTIC DECLARATION. A VISIT, ALTHOUGH BRIEF, WOULD BE OF IMMENSE VALUE PARTICULARLY WITH THE NON-EC MEMBERS OF NATO WHO UNDERSTANDABLY FEEL THEY ARE NOT WIRED IN, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THEY ARE EXCLUDED FROM EC NINE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE U.S., AND THE FACT THAT SINCE THE APRIL SPEECH THE U.S. HAS MADE NO CONTRIBUTION IN NAC ON THE SUBJECT OF THE NATO DECLARATION. IN ADDITION, A VISIT WOULD RELIEVE THE CONCERN BY SMALLER NATIONS WHO FEEL THAT THE U.S. SEEMS TO THEM TO SPEND AN AMPLE AMOUNT OF TIME WITH THE LARGER ALLIES, AND WOULD ELIMINATE ANY PROBLEMS IN NATIONS WHOSE FOREIGN MINISTERS THE SECRETARY IS NOT ABLE TO SEE WHILE IN LONDON. FURTHER, IT WOULD HELP TO ASSURE THAT THIS EFFORT TO IMPROVE AND PLACE ATLANTIC RELATIONS ON A SUSTAINABLE BASIS FOR THE COMING YEARS IS ONE--AND IS SEEN AS ONE--WHICH INCLUDED THE FULLEST CONSULTATION WITH ALL INTERESTED PARTIES. CONFIDENTIAL

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IN VIEW OF THE SECRETARY'S PROSPECTIVE TRIP TO CHINA, IT WOULD HELP BALANCE THE PROBLEM OF PUBLICIZING U.S. DEALINGS WITH ADVERSARIES BY SHOWING THE PUBLIC A CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR ALLIES, AS WELL AS FILL THE CONSULTATION NEED OF

REPORTING TO ALLIES THE PURPOSE OF THE CHINA TRIP.

3. NOTE: IN A PRIVATE MEETING WITH ME OCTOBER 4, LUNS
SUGGESTED THAT IF THE SECRETARY COULD NOT COME TO BRUSSELS,
HE WOULD LIKE TO COME TO LONDON TO SEE THE SECRETARY AT
ANY TIME (INCLUDING AT BREAKFAST OR OVER DRINKS) FROM SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 13, THROUGH TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16. RUMSFELD

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